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SUBJECT: PLAF OCTOBER 15 ORDER

1. WE ARE CONCERNED BY PLAF'S UNPRECEDENTED COMMAND ORDER ON OCTOBER 15 TO "FIGHT BACK AT THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION" AND BY OFFENSIVE PREPARATIONS IN TAY NINH AREA, FOR EXAMPLE AS REPORTED IN SAIGON 18077.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST YOUR ASSESSMENT, INCLUDING DETAILS AND BACKGROUND OF ALLEGED GVN AIR STRIKES OCTOBER 3 AND 11 WHICH APPARENTLY SPARKED THIS INTENSE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA BARRAGE AND INCREASED THREATS. FOR EXAMPLE, HAS OTHER SIDE SEIZED ON THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT BECAUSE IT IS UNPRECEDENTED OR BECAUSE THIS TACTIC SERVES OTHER PURPOSES. SIMILARLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE RELATED INCIDENT SEPTEMBER 29 AT KHIEM HANH IN TAY NINH, INCLUDING WHETHER IT OCCURRED IN CONTESTED AREA OR ONE CONTROLLED BY "PRG."

3. WE WILL ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW ARVN CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS TO DATE COMPARE IN NUMBER, SCOPE AND NATURE

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TO THOSE COMMITTED BY THE COMMUNISTS. CAN YOU, FOR EXAMPLE,

CHARACTERIZE MOST GVN MILITARY ACTIVITIES AS REACTIONS TO

ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED ENEMY THREATS AND AS OPERATIONS IN
AREAS CONSIDERED CONTROLLED BY NEITHER SIDE? KISSINGER

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